

Flood Mitigation Section E-News

Welcome to the first volume of the SCDNR Flood Mitigation Section E-News. Starting in December 2005, our section will be presenting a monthly newsletter to keep you better abreast of program information, upcoming courses, and the Map Modernization process.

Welcome Our New Staff

In November our staff grew to include a Project Management Professional Engineer and Public Information Coordinator. Both Ronnie Catoe and Amanda Londo will primarily work with the Flood Hazard Map Modernization Program.

Ronnie Catoe will serve as lead for the Flood Hazard Map Modernization program. With him he brings over 35 years of experience in floodplain management and project management. Ronnie has previously served as the Chief of the Hydraulics and Flood Plain Management Branch in the Charleston District of the Corps of Engineers. He later served as a Federal Project Director in the Department of Energy. Ronnie has a BS Civil Engineering Degree from Clemson University. You can reach Ronnie at (803) 734-1411 or by email at CatoeR@dnr.sc.gov.

Amanda Londo will serve as the Public Information Coordinator. Her primary duties will include technical assistance and outreach activities for local officials and citizens concerning the Map Mod Initiative. Amanda graduated from the University of South Carolina in May 2001 with a degree in Marine Science, receiving her Masters of Public Administration in May of 2003. You can reach Amanda at LondoA@dnr.sc.gov or by phone at (803) 734-1410.

Map Modernization Update

Several communities are approaching significant milestones in the Map Modernization Program.

Saluda County: On October 17, 2005 the preliminary DFIRM Community Coordination meeting was held with SCDNR, CTP, and local officials. At this time the recently completed preliminary FIRM and FIS report were presented and discussed. The 90-day appeal process for these products will follow the formal announcement in the Federal Register.

York County: On November 16, 2005 a meeting was held with both county and municipality officials to present the preliminary FIRM and FIS report. The 90-day appeal process for these products will follow the formal announcement in the Federal Register.

Flood Mitigation Assistance

The FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Program provides funding to communities for the purpose of implementing measures to reduce or eliminate long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes and other structures insurable under the NFIP. In the near future, communities will receive letters soliciting proposals for FMA projects for the fiscal year 2006. A requirement for qualification of FMA Project funds is that the community has a FMA approved plan.



Upcoming Courses

All You Need to Know About Your Flood Insurance Rate Maps

2/21/05 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Midlands Technical College Northeast Campus

The Mapping class will cover several topics including:

- How to read an engineers scale
- How to scale off the maps
- How to interpret/use information on the map
- How to find the information you need in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and apply it
- What is a Digital FIRM (DFIRM)
- How to access maps on line
- Mapping reading exercise

This class is a **pre-requisite** for Managing Floodplains Through The NFIP course. Those who do not attend this class will not be able to register for the NFIP course. Registration for this course is available through the Midlands Tech College Website: <http://www.mtctraining.com/signup.htm>.

Managing Floodplains Through The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

3/20-22/06 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Midlands Technical College Northeast Campus

Look for details concerning this course in next month's E-News

Questions/Concerns/Future Input

If you have information you would like to be added to future volumes of this newsletter or any concerns, please contact us at floodmitigation@dnr.sc.gov